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An Act to Provide a Source of Funding for the Construction and Implementation of a Food Security Hub

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TERRY of Gorham.

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and 3 Whereas, food insecurity is a problem that needs to be addressed as soon as possible; 4 and 5 Whereas, this legislation provides funding for the construction and implementation of a food security hub; and 6 Whereas, the transfer of funds required by this legislation needs to occur prior to the expiration of the 90-day period; and 8 9 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 11 12 therefore, 13 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: Sec. 1. Funding for food security hub from so-called budget cascade. 14 Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1536, subsection 1, for fiscal 15 year 2022-23 only, prior to making any transfer to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund 16 pursuant to Title 5, section 1536, subsection 1, paragraph A, the State Controller shall 17 transfer \$2,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for the 18 construction and implementation of a food security hub. 19 20 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation 21 takes effect when approved. **SUMMARY** 22 23 This bill provides \$2,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for the construction and implementation of a food security hub. The funds come 24 25 from a one-time distribution in fiscal year 2022-23 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund, prior to the transfers to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund. 26